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TITLE	SYSTEM FOR HETEROGENEOUS DISTRIBUTED TRANSACTION MANGEMENT IN DATABASE SYSTEMS		

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a first non-final office action in the above case dated September 19, 2006 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. On December 8th the attorney for applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing proposed amendments to the claims. The Examiner said he would reconsider the rejection in view of the discussed amendments and arguments, which Applicants present herein. Applicants have further canceled claims 8, 14, 19, and 20 and added claims 21-23. Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 9-13, 15-18, and 21-23 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.